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Town of Groton

New Hampshire

For Year Ending December 31

1956



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ANNUAL REPORTS
of the
Selectmen, Clerk, Treasurer
Road Agents, School Board
and other Officials
of the
TOWN of GROTON

For the Fiscal Year Ending December 31

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Town Officers for 1956

Moderator	Agnes A. Lane
Town Clerk	Ileene A. Matthews
Selectmen	Carroll D. Matthews Edgar C. McClellan Howard B. Davis
Road Agent, South End	Ernest E. Matthews
Road Agent, North End	Ernest E. Matthews
Snow Removal	Ernest E. Matthews
Treasurer	Ileene A. Matthews
Tax Collector	Annie M. Esty
Land Agents	Selectmen
Librarian	Agnes A. Lane
Police	Lewis Albert
Health Officer	Minnie Davis
Auditors	Flora Matthews Zelma Watts
School Board	Annie M. Esty Flora Matthews Beatrice Smith
School District Clerk & Treasurer	Ileene A. Matthews
Trustee of the Trust Funds	Laue Nettleton
Library Trustees	Flora Matthews Ileene A. Matthews Laue Nettleton
Janitor	Louis Albert
Constable	Louis Albert
Fire Warden	Ernest E. Matthews
Deputy Wardens	Carroll G. Matthews Floyd Colby

State of New Hampshire
TOWN OF GROTON
Town Warrant

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Groton in the County of Grafton in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at Groton Town House in said Groton at three of the clock in the afternoon on Tuesday, the twelfth day of March, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same.

3. To see if the Town will give a discount for prompt payment of taxes.

4. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

5. To see if the Town will vote to raise a sum of money for maintenance of Spectacle Pond Recreation Area, and/or Hebron-Groton AA.

6. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to dispose of or administer any real estate acquired by tax collector's deeds.

7. To see if the Town will vote to reclassify the Cheever Road from Class II to Class V and to use the balance in the joint fund to complete the road to Class V standards and to raise and appropriate \$2,000.00 for same.

8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate sums of money sufficient for the remaining items of the budget.

9. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this fifteenth day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and fifty-seven.

CARROLL D. MATTHEWS
EDGAR C. McCLELLAN
HOWARD DAVIS

Selectmen of Groton

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

CARROLL D. MATTHEWS
EDGAR C. McCLELLAN
HOWARD DAVIS

Selectmen of Groton

1957 Budget

Estimates of Revenue and Expenditures for the Ensuing Year January 1, 1957 to December 31, 1957. Compared with Estimated and Actual Revenue, Appropriations and Expenditures of the Presvious Year January 1, 1956 to December 31, 1956.

<i>SOURCES OF REVENUE</i>	<i>Estimated Revenue Previous Year 1956</i>	<i>Actual Revenue Previous Year 1956</i>	<i>Estimated Revenue Ensuing Year 1957</i>
<i>From State:</i>			
Interest & Dividends Tax	\$ 7.72	\$ 15.10	\$ 15.10
Savings Bank Tax	5.03	.76	.76
Reimbursement a/c State and Federal forest lands	41.35		
Reimbursement a/c Exemption of Growing Wood and Timber	1,373.88	250.90	250.90
For Fighting Forest Fires	50.16		
<i>From Local Sources Except Taxes:</i>			
Dog Licenses	75.00	66.00	66.00
Business Lic., Permits & Filing Fees	1.00	.50	1.00
Int. Received on Taxes & Deposits	60.00	85.38	85.00
Income of Departments:			
Highway, incl. rental of equip.	400.00	699.20	650.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	500.00	624.24	600.00
Sale of Town Property		240.00	100.00
<i>From Local Taxes Other Than</i>			
<i>Property Taxes:</i>			
Poll Taxes—Regular @ \$2	100.00	100.00	100.00
Yield Taxes		1,655.26	1,200.00
Total Revenues from All Sources Except Prop. Taxes	\$2,614.17	\$3,737.34	\$ 3,068.76
*Amt. to be Raised by Prop. Taxes			21,338.87
Total Revenues			\$24,407.63

*Total estimated "Revenues from All Sources Except Property Taxes" deducted from total "Estimated Expenditures" should give estimated "Amount to be Raised by Property Taxes."

<i>PURPOSES OF EXPENDITURES</i>	<i>Approps. Previous Year 1956</i>	<i>Actual Exp'tures Year 1956</i>	<i>Estimated Exp'tures Year 1957</i>
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Current Maintenance Expenses:

General Government:

Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 762.20	\$ 1,000.00
Town Officers' Expenses	700.00	473.08	700.00
Election & Registration Expenses	275.00	276.74	150.00
Expenses Town Hall and Other Town Bldgs.	600.00	518.96	600.00

Protection of Persons & Property:

Police Department	50.00	42.50	50.00
Fire Department	300.00		300.00
Insurance	175.00	263.15	300.00
Civil Defense	50.00		50.00

Health:

Health Dept., incl. Hospitals	25.00		25.00
Vital Statistics	5.00	2.00	5.00

Highways and Bridges:

Town Maintenance—Summer	3,000.00	2,782.54	3,000.00
Town Maintenance—Winter	2,000.00	2,623.78	2,500.00
General Exp. of Highway Dept.	600.00	595.25	400.00
Town Road Aid	190.91	190.91	413.91

<i>Libraries</i>	150.00	150.00	300.00
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Public Welfare:

Town Poor	50.00	66.41	50.00
Old Age Assistance	700.00	459.18	600.00

Recreation:

Parks & Playgrounds, including Band Concerts	200.00	129.98	200.00
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Public Service Enterprises:

Cemeteries			100.00
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Unclassified:

Damages & Legal Expenses, including Dog Damage	100.00	253.48	200.00
Advertising & Regional Assns.	50.00	50.00	50.00

Interest:

On Long Term Notes & Bonds	187.50	187.50	118.75
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Outlay for New ~~Construction~~ and Perm. Improv.

Highways and Bridges:

State Aid Const.—Town's Share	1,000.00	1,000.00	2,000.00
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New Equipment	3,000.00	2,999.56	
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Indebtedness:

Payment on Principal of Debt:

Long Term Notes	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
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Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:

County Taxes	983.44	1,034.19	1,034.19
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Total Expenditures	<u>\$23,531.57</u>	<u>\$23,001.13</u>	<u>\$24,407.63</u>
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Comparative Statement of Appropriations and Expenditures

<i>Title of Appropriation</i>	<i>Appropriations</i>	<i>Expenditures</i>	<i>Unexpended Balance</i>	<i>Overdraft</i>
Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 762.20	\$ 237.80	\$
Town Officers' Expenses	700.00	473.08	226.92	
Election & Registration	275.00	276.74		1.74
Town Hall & Building Maintenance	600.00	518.86	81.14	
Civil Defense	50.00		50.00	
Police Department	50.00	42.50	7.50	
Fire Department	300.00		300.00	
Health Department	25.00		25.00	
Vital Statistics	5.00	2.00	3.00	
State Aid Construction	1,000.00	1,000.00		
Town Road Aid	477.30	477.30		
Town Maintenance—Summer	3,000.00	2,782.54	217.46	
Town Maintenance—Winter	2,000.00	2,622.78		622.78
General Expense of Highway Dept.	600.00	595.25	4.75	
Libraries	150.00	150.00		

Old Age Assistance	700.00	459.18	240.82	
Public Relief	50.00	66.41		16.41
Parks & Playgrounds	200.00	129.98	70.02	
Damages & Legal Expense	100.00	253.48		153.48
Advertising & Regional Assn.	50.00	50.00		
Payment on Principal	1,000.00	1,000.00		
Payments on Interest	187.50	187.50		
County Tax	1,034.19	1,034.19		
School Tax	7,139.72	7,139.72		
New Equipment	3,000.00	2,999.56	.44	
Totals	\$23,693.71	\$23,023.27	\$1,464.85	\$794.41
Net Unexpended Balance Over Overdrafts —	\$670.44			

Statement of Appropriations and Taxes Assessed

Town Officers Salaries	\$ 1,000.00
Town Officers Expenses	700.00
Election & Registration Expenses	275.00
Town Hall and Buildings Maintenance	600.00
Police Department	50.00
Fire Department	300.00
Civilian Defense	50.00
Health Department	25.00
Vital Statistics	5.00
State Aid Construction	1,000.00
Town Road Aid	477.30
Town Maintenance—Summer	3,000.00
Town Maintenance—Winter	2,000.00
General Expenses of Highway Department	600.00
Insurance	175.00
New Equipment	3,000.00
Libraries	150.00
Old Age Assistance	700.00
Public Relief	50.00
Parks and Playgrounds	200.00
Damages & Legal Expenses, incl. Dog Damages	100.00
Advertising & Regional Associations	50.00
Payments on Debt—Principal	1,000.00
Payments on Debt—Interest	187.50
County Tax	1,034.19
School Tax	7,139.72

Total Town and School Appropriations	\$23,868.71
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Less Estimated Revenues and Credits

Interest and Dividends Tax	\$ 15.14	
Savings Bank Tax	5.03	
Reimb. a/c State and Federal Lands	20.00	
Revenue from Yield Tax Sources	1,289.44	
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	500.00	
Dog Licenses	75.00	
Business Licenses and Permits	1.00	
Rent of Town Property & Equip.	400.00	
Int. on Taxes & Income Trust Funds	60.00	
Sale of Tax Deeded Property	100.00	
Total Revenues and Credits		2,465.61
Plus Overlay		21,403.10
		334.06
Net Amount to be Raised by Taxation		21,737.16
Less 52 Poll Taxes @ \$2.00		104.00
Amount to be Raised by Property Taxes		\$21,633.16
Taxes to be Committed to Collector:		
Property Taxes	\$21,633.16	
Poll Taxes @ \$2.00	104.00	
Total Taxes to be Committed	\$21,737.16	

Tax Rate — 4.70

Summary Inventory

Lands and Buildings	\$253,600.00
Mills and Machinery	3,000.00
Electric Plants	206,620.00
Stock in Trade	1,000.00
Boats and Launches, 4	150.00
Horses, Asses and Mules, 14	620.00
Cows, 23	1,480.00
Sheep and Goats, 1	10.00
Hogs, 4	100.00
Fowls, 6,520	3,300.00
Gasoline Pumps and Tanks, 2	150.00
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Total Valuation	470,030.00
Less Soldiers' Exemptions	9,750.00
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Tax Rate is Computed on	\$460,280.00

Electric and Gas Utility Companies

N. H. Electric	\$ 4,770.00
New England Power	201,630.00
White Mt. Power	220.00
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Total	\$206,620.00

Amount of property valuation exempted to veterans \$9,750.00

Financial Report

ASSETS

Cash in Hands of Treasurer	\$4,665.82
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Accounts Due to Town—

Due from State:

Highway Construc'n in State Treasury	715.36
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Uncollected Taxes:

Levy of 1956	3,050.97
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Levy of 1955	344.80
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Levy of 1954	84.52
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State Head Taxes — Levy of 1956	130.00
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State Head Taxes — Previous Years	3,610.29
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Total Assets	<u>\$8,991.47</u>
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LIABILITIES

Accounts Owed by Town:

State Head Taxes Uncollected—1956	130.00
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State & Town Joint Highway Accounts:

Unexpended Balance in State Treasury	715.36
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Unexpended Balance in Town Treasury	2,000.00
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Long Term Notes Outstanding:

First National Bank of Bristol—Dec. 15, 1959	3,000.00
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First National Bank of Bristol—July 22, 1957	1,750.00
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Total Liabilities	<u>7,595.36</u>
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Surplus	1,396.11
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Total	<u>\$8,991.17</u>
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Net Debt—December 31, 1965	\$3,139.35
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Surplus—December 31, 1956	<u>\$1,396.11</u>
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Inc.-Dec. of Debt, of Surplus	<u>\$4,535.46</u>
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Summary of Receipts

From Local Taxes:

Property Taxes	\$18,579.73
Poll Taxes	64.00
Yield Taxes	1,655.26
State Head Taxes	205.00

Total Current Year's Taxes Collected	\$20,503.99
Property and Yield Taxes—Previous Years	2,138.67
Poll Taxes—Previous Years	36.00
State Head Taxes—Previous Years	95.00
Interest Received on Taxes	85.38
Penalties on State Head Taxes	10.00
Tax Sales Redeemed	518.66

From State:

For Town Road Aid	1,467.41
For Class V Highway Maintenance	2.84
Interest and Dividends Tax	15.10
Savings Bank & Building and Loan Assn. Tax	.76
Reimb. a/c Exemption of Growing Wood and Timber	250.90

From Local Sources Except Taxes:

Dog Licenses	66.00
Business Licenses, Permits & Filing Fees	.50
Rent of Town Property	699.20
Registration of Motor Vehicles—1956 Permits	624.24

Receipts Other than Current Revenue:

Temporary Loans in Anticipation of Taxes During Year	8,000.00
Insurance Adjustments	36.26
Refunds—Relief	1.50
Sale of Town Property	240.00
Taxes Bought by Town	435.06

Total Receipts from All Sources	\$35,227.47
Cash on Hand January 1, 1956	2,020.35

Grand Total	\$37,247.82
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Summary of Payments

Current Maintenance Expenses:

General Government:

Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 762.20
Town Officers' Expenses	473.08
Election & Registration Expenses	276.74
Expenses Town Hall & Other Buildings	518.96

Protection of Persons & Property:

Police Department	42.50
Insurance	263.15

Health:

Vital Statistics	2.00
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Highways & Bridges:

Town Road Aid	190.91
Town Maintenance—	
Summer	2,782.54
Winter	2,622.78

5,405.32

General Expenses of Highway Dept.	595.25
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Libraries:	150.00
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Public Welfare:

Old Age Assistance	459.18
Town Poor	66.41

Recreation:

Parks & Playgrounds, incl. Band Concerts	129.98
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Unclassified:

Damages & Legal Expenses	253.48
Advertising & Regional Associations	50.00
Taxes Bought by Town	435.06
Discounts, Abatements & Refunds	16.04

Total Current Maintenance Expenses	10,090.26
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Interest :

Paid on Temporary Loans	81.25
Paid on Long Term Notes	187.50

Total Interest Payments	268.75
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Outlay for New Construction, Equipment :

New Equipment—Highway	2,999.56
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Indebtedness :

Payments on Temporary Loans	8,000.00
Payments on Long Term Notes	2,750.00

Total Indebtedness Payments	10,750.00
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Payments to Other Governmental Divisions :

State Head Taxes paid State Treas.	
1956 Taxes	200.02
Prior Years	99.50

	299.52
Taxes Paid to County	1,034.19
Payment to School Dist., 1956 Tax	7,139.72

Total Payments to Other Gov. Div.	8,473.43
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Total Payments for All Purposes	\$32,582.00
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Cash on Hand December 31, 1956	4,665.82
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Grand Total	\$37,247.82
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Schedule of Town Property

Town Hall, Lands & Buildings	\$ 1,700.00
Furniture & Equipment	200.00
Libraries, Lands & Buildings	1,000.00
Furniture & Equipment	1,500.00
Fire Department, Equipment	100.00
Highway Department, Lands & Buildings	1,100.00
Equipment	4,500.00
Schools, Lands & Buildings	4,000.00
Equipment	1,000.00
Total	<u>\$15,000.00</u>

Auditor's Report

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete to the best of our knowledge and belief.

FLORA MATTHEWS

ZELMA WATTS

Detailed Statement of Payments

Town Officers' Salaries:

Carroll D. Matthews, Selectman	\$ 200.00
Edgar C. McClellan, Selectman	100.00
Howard B. Davis, Selectman	100.00
Annie M. Esty, Tax Collector	165.00
Zelma Watts, Auditor	23.60
Flora Matthews, Auditor	23.60
Ileene A. Matthews, Clerk & Treasurer	150.00

Total	\$ 762.20
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Town Officers' Expenses:

Ileene Matthews, Clerk & Treasurer	\$ 61.90
Edgar C. McClellan, Selectman	16.91
Carroll D. Matthews, Selectman	18.85
F. J. Shores, Transfers, Searching Titles, etc.	41.17
Annie M. Esty, Tax Collector	74.01
Sargent Bros., Office Supplies	10.50
U. S. Auto & Truck Guide	7.50
Ida M. Horner, Dues Tax Collectors Assn.	3.00
Buckland's Flowers, Cyd Huckins	5.00
Charles Hardy, Dues for Town Clerk Assn.	2.00
Enterprise Press, Selectmen's Notice	8.80
John C. Ray, Town Officers' Bonds	39.50
Brown & Saltmarsh, Office Supplies	24.57
Meredith News, Town Reports	147.00
Wheeler & Clark, Dog Tags & Licenses	8.02
N. H. Assn. of Assessors, Dues	3.00
Flora Matthews, Auditor's Expense	1.35

Total	\$ 473.08
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Election & Registration:

Agnes Lane, Moderator	\$ 13.60
Annie M. Esty, Ballot Clerk	29.14
Flora Matthews, Ballot Clerk	27.14
Cynthia White, Ballot Clerk	7.08
Lorena Waldron, Ballot Clerk	9.44
Edythe Newton, Supervisor of Check List	55.46
Ernest E. Matthews, Supervisor of Check List	55.46
Lillian Colby, Supervisor of Check List	46.02
Enterprise Press, Ballots & Notices	43.40

Total	\$ 276.74
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Town Hall & Buildings:

Ernest Matthews, Labor	\$ 49.56
Perley Matthews, Labor	34.48
E. C. McClellan, Labor	68.44
E. C. McClellan, Supplies	55.83
Carroll D. Matthews, Labor	8.75
Clifford Bragg	7.00
Carroll G. Matthews, Mowing Yard	10.00
Carroll G. Matthews, Tractor & Gravel	6.90
Perley Matthews, Truck & Cement	15.54
C. L. Esty, Lumber	16.00
Corneau Fuel, Gas Furnace	200.00
Higgins & Wilson, Supplies	22.46
N. H. Electric Corp.	24.00

Total	\$ 518.96
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Parks & Playgrounds:

Hebron & Groton A. A.	\$ 100.00
Ernest Matthews, Labor	7.68
Carroll G. Matthews, Tractor	15.00
R. Woodward, Sand	3.60
Edgar McClellan, Gas	3.70

Total	\$ 129.98
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South End Road:

Internal Revenue	\$ 24.45
Ernest Matthews, Labor	332.56
Carroll G. Matthews, Labor	47.60
Carroll G. Matthews, Tractor	192.84
Perley Matthews, Labor	50.92
Perley Matthews, Truck	18.24
Ernest E. Matthews Jr., Labor	36.52
Charles Matthews, Labor	11.80
Vernon Matthews, Labor	44.42
Edward Butterfield, Labor	94.16
Norris Smith, Labor	4.72
Ernest Robie, Bridge Plank	118.52
Tilton Sand & Gravel, Patch	65.26
Edgar McClellan, Labor	7.08
Edgar McClellan, Gas & Oil	52.64

Total	\$1,101.73
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Davis Road:

Nate Morrison, Tar	\$ 160.00
Ernest Matthews, Labor	25.60
Perley Matthews, Labor	15.82
Perley Matthews, Truck & Gravel	14.56
Carroll G. Matthews, Tractor & Gravel	30.90
Carroll G. Matthews, Labor	3.54
Edgar McClellan, Gas & Oil	7.06

Total	\$ 257.48
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North End Road:

Internal Revenue	\$ 25.15
Ernest Matthews, Labor	212.67
Ernest Matthews, Gravel	21.00
Ernest Matthews Jr., Labor	80.38
Carroll G. Matthews, Tractor	210.00
Carroll G. Matthews, Gravel	2.40
Carroll G. Matthews, Labor	9.44
O. G. Matthews, Labor	11.80
Perley Matthews, Labor	60.53
Perley Matthews, Truck	104.12
Edward Butterfield, Labor	18.88
Vernon Matthews, Labor	91.34
Clifford Bragg, Labor	11.80
Homer Tarr, Tractor	36.00
Homer Tarr, Labor	10.62
Homer Tarr, Team	14.16
Norris Smith, Labor	20.06
Floyd Colby, Labor	16.52
Edgar McClellan, Gas & Oil	55.48
Prescott Lumber, Lumber	3.24

Total	\$1,015.59
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Hayes Road:

Perley Matthews, Labor	\$ 31.38
Perley Matthews, Truck	41.04
Carroll G. Matthews, Tractor	99.00
Ernest Matthews, Labor	56.00
Ernest Matthews, Gravel	15.30
Ernest Matthews Jr., Labor	45.20
Vernon Matthews, Labor	22.00
Chase Grain Co., Culverts	70.80
Edgar McClellan, Gas & Oil	27.02

Total	\$ 407.74
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Snow Removal:

Internal Revenue	\$ 133.20
Ernest Matthews, Labor	1,127.44
Perley Matthews, Labor	512.76
Perley Matthews, Truck	17.55
Floyd Colby, Labor	2.56
Carroll G. Matthews, Tractor	96.74
Ernest Matthews Jr., Labor	44.78
Vernon Matthews, Labor	23.60
Norris Smith, Labor	8.86
Edgar McClellan, Labor	27.16
Everett Hobart, Labor	10.62
Town of Dorchester, Plowing Snow	30.00
Chase Grain Mill, Salt	145.90
R. Woodward, Sand	13.30
Edgar McClellan, Gas & Oil	419.31
Total	<hr/> \$2,622.78

General Expense of the Highway Dept.:

Bartlett Auto Co., Part & Repairs	\$ 145.65
Arnold Barnard, Chains, Parts & Repairs	363.90
Richard Akerman, Welding	12.00
Edgar McClellan, Repairs	36.25
Floyd Colby, Labor	14.75
Jones Auto, Repairs	12.70
Perley Matthews, Power Takeoff	10.00
Total	<hr/> \$ 595.25

Police Department:

Lewis Albert, Chief of Police	\$ 42.50
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Insurance:

John C. Ray, Town Hall	\$ 25.20
John C. Ray, Workman's Compensation	116.88
John C. Ray, Truck	52.20
John C. Ray, New Truck	46.87
Total	<hr/> \$ 263.15

Old Age Assistance:

State of New Hampshire, Town Share at 25%	\$ 459.18
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Damage & Legal Expense:

James Doherty, Atty.	\$ 253.48
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Advertising & Regional Assn.:

Newfound Area Chamber of Commerce	\$ 50.00
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Taxes Bought by Town:

Annie M. Esty, Collector	\$ 414.44
Interest	20.62
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Total	\$ 435.06

Discounts, Abatements & Refunds:

Charles E. Matthews, Taxes Abated	\$ 16.04
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Long Term Notes & Interest:

First National Bank of Bristol, Note	\$2,750.00
Interest	187.50
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Total	\$2,937.50

Temporary Loan in Anticipation of Taxes:

Pemigewasset National Bank of Plymouth, Note	\$8,000.00
Interest	81.25
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Total	\$8,081.25

New Equipment:

Bartlett Auto, 1956 GMC 2 ton Heavy Duty Truck	\$2,999.56
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Libraries:

Flora Matthews, Treasurer	\$ 150.00
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Vital Statistics:

Ileene A. Matthews	\$ 2.00
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Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:

T. R. A., State of New Hampshire	\$ 190.91
Lawrence Colby, County Tax	\$1,034.19
State of New Hampshire—Head Tax 1956	\$ 299.52
Groton School District	\$7,139.72

Town Poor:

Edgar C. McClellan, Food	\$ 66.41
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Report of Tax Collector

SUMMARY OF WARRANT—LEVY OF 1956

— Dr. —

Taxes Committed to Collector:

Property Taxes	\$21,633.16
Poll Taxes	104.00
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Total Warrant	\$21,737.16
Yield Taxes	2,032.23
Added Taxes:	
Poll Taxes	8.00
Interest	1.03

Total Debits	\$23,778.42
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Remittances to Treasurer:

Property Taxes	\$18,579.73
Poll Taxes	64.00
Yield Taxes	1,655.26
Interest	1.03
Discount	374.43
Abatements:	
Property Taxes	47.00
Poll Taxes	6.00
Uncollected Taxes:	
Property Taxes	2,632.00
Poll Taxes	40.00
Yield Taxes	376.97
Uncollected Added Taxes:	
Poll Tax	2.00

Total Credits	\$23,778.42
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SUMMARY OF WARRANT—LEVY OF 1955

— Dr. —

Uncollected Taxes as of January 1, 1956:

Property Taxes	\$2,118.12
Poll Taxes	40.00
Yield Taxes	770.29
Added Taxes:	
Property Taxes	9.50
Interest	104.97
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Total Debits	\$3,042.88

— Cr. —

Remittances to Treasurer:

Property Taxes	\$2,119.32
Poll Taxes	36.00
Yield Taxes	433.79
Interest	104.97
Abatements:	
Poll Taxes	4.00
Uncollected Taxes:	
Property	8.30
Yield Taxes	336.50
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Total Credits	\$3,042.88
Uncollected Yield Tax—Levy of 1954	\$84.52

**SUMMARY OF WARRANT
STATE HEAD TAX—LEVY OF 1956**

— Dr. —

State Head Taxes Committed to Collector:

Original Warrant	\$335.00
Added Taxes	10.00
Penalties	.50
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Total Debits	\$345.50

— Cr. —

Remittances to Treasurer:

Head Taxes	\$205.00
Penalties	.50
Abatements	10.00
Uncollected	130.00
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Total Credits	\$345.50

**SUMMARY OF WARRANT
STATE HEAD TAX—LEVY OF 1955**

— Dr. —

Uncollected Taxes as of January 1, 1956	\$110.00
Penalties	9.50
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Total Debits	\$119.50

— Cr. —

Remittances to Treasurer	\$ 95.00
Penalties	9.50
Abatements	15.00
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Total Credits	\$119.50

**SUMMARY OF TAX SALES ACCOUNTS AS OF
DECEMBER 31, 1956**

— Dr. —

	Tax Sale on Acct. of Levies of:		
	1955	1954	1953
Taxes Sold to Town			
During Current Year	\$485.21	\$	\$
Balance of Unredeemed			
Taxes January 1, 1956		22.13	405.74
Interest		.28	64.72
Redemption Costs		.25	7.00
Total Debits	<u>\$485.21</u>	<u>\$ 22.66</u>	<u>\$477.46</u>

— Cr. —

Remittances to Treasurer	\$ 24.79	\$ 22.41	\$471.46
Unredeemed	460.42		
Redemption Costs		.25	6.00
Total Credits	<u>\$485.21</u>	<u>\$ 22.66</u>	<u>\$477.46</u>

ANNIE M. ESTY

Collector of Taxes

Report of Treasurer

Receipts:

Annie M. Esty, Collector:

1955 Property Tax	\$ 1,894.48
Polls	36.00
Yield Tax	244.19
Interest	84.35
Head Tax	95.00
Penalties	9.50
1956 Property Tax	18,579.73
Polls	64.00
Yield Tax	1,655.26
Interest	1.03
Head Tax	205.00
Penalty	.50
Taxes Bought by the Town	414.44
Interest	20.62
Taxes Redeemed—1953 Levy	471.46
Taxes Redeemed—1954 Levy	22.41
Taxes Redeemed—1955 Levy	24.79

State of New Hampshire:

Plowing Roads	694.20
Reimb. a/c Money Expended from Class V Highways	2.84
Return of State Share of Advanced TRA "A" Money F/Y '56-'57	1,272.70
Reimb. for Money Expended from TRA "A"	194.71
Reimb. a/c Tax Loss, Growing Timber	250.90
Interest & Dividends Tax	15.10
Savings Bank Tax	.76

Town Clerk:

Auto Permit Fees	624.24
Dog Tax	66.00

Selectmen:

Pistol Permit	.50
Power Takeoff on Old Truck	40.00
Rent of Equipment	5.00
Refund on Relief	1.50
Pemigewasset Nat'l Bank of Plymouth, N. H., Loans	8,000.00

Donald Esty:

Payment on Mica Mine	200.00
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John C. Ray:

Return Prem. on Workman's Comp. Ins.	36.26
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Total Receipts	<u>\$35,227.47</u>
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Cash on Hand January 1, 1956	2,020.35
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Total	<u>\$37,247.82</u>
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Payments:

Selectmen's Orders Paid	32,582.00
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Balance	<u>\$ 4,665.82</u>
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Respectfully submitted,

ILEENE A. MATTHEWS

Treasurer

Report of Town Clerk

Received from Auto Permits:

Auto Permit Fees Collected	\$624.24
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Received from Dog Licenses:

Dog Taxes Collected	\$72.00
Less Clerk's Fees	6.00

66.00

Paid to the Treasurer	<u>\$690.24</u>
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Respectfully submitted,

ILEENE A. MATTHEWS

Town Clerk

There were no fires reported for the year 1956.

**REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF GROTON, N. H.
FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1956**

NAME OF TRUST FUND PURPOSE OF FUND	HOW INVESTED	Amount of Principal	Rate of Interest	Balance of Income Beginning of Year	Income During Yr.	Expended During Yr.	Bal. on Hand at End of Yr.
George Hall Fund							
Care of Lot, Union Cemetery	Plymouth Savings Bank	\$ 26.00	2%	\$22.06	\$1.44	\$6.00	\$17.50
Care of Lot, Union Cemetery	U. S. Savings Bonds Series F	74.00					
Cyrus Blood Fund							
Care of Lot, Rolfe Hill	Plymouth Savings Bank	13.00	2%	13.85	.80		14.65
Care of Lot, Rolfe Hill	U. S. Savings Bonds Series F	37.00					
		\$150.00		\$35.91	\$2.24	\$6.00	\$32.15

LAUIE NETTLETON

Report of Librarian

Books Owned Jan. 1, 1956	2,159	
Books Added by Gifts	21	
Books Bought by Town	10	
Books Borrowed from Bookmobile		2,190
		200
Services:		
Volumes of Adult Fiction Loaned	202	
Volumes of Non Fiction Loaned	88	
Volumes of Juvenile Fiction Loaned	172	
Total Circulation		462
Regular Borrowers	18	
New Borrowers	4	
School Children	14	
Cash Statement:		
Amount in Hands of Librarian		
January 1, 1956	\$.28	
Received from Fines	1.96	
Received Gift	.01	
		\$2.25
Paid Out:		
Post Cards, Postage	.10	
Mucilage	.20	
		.30
Amount in Hands of Librarian Jan. 1, 1957		\$1.95

Report of Library Treasurer

Receipts Jan. 1, 1956 to Dec. 31, 1956

Cash on Hand Jan. 1, 1956	\$ 58.57
Selectmen	150.00
Dorothy Wheeler, Gift	1.00
Groton Neighborhood Club, Gift	111.94
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	\$321.51

Payments Jan. 1, 1956 to Dec. 31, 1956

Feb.		
4	Campbell, Books	\$ 6.43
June		
4	L. Nettleton, Sign	5.00
6	Harold Watts, Repairs	6.00
13	H. J. Follansbee, Glass & Putty	6.89
July		
6	Lena Matthews, Cleaning	3.00
10	Donald Colby, Mowing	1.00
Aug.		
13	N. H. Electric Coop., Lights	24.00
Oct.		
15	Readers Digest, Books	6.00
15	Farm Bureau, Ins.	6.51
Dec.		
31	Charles Matthews, Janitor	15.00
31	Agnes Land, Sal.	70.00
31	Follenbee, Books	8.08
	Check Book	1.00
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		\$158.91
Cash on Hand Jan. 1, 1957		162.60
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		\$321.51

OFFICIAL REPORTS

**School District
of Groton**

Year Ending June 30, 1956

Annual Report of School District of Groton

School Directory

DISTRICT OFFICERS

Mrs. Agnes A. Lane Moderator
Mrs. Ileene A. Matthews Treasurer
Mrs. Ileene A. Matthews Clerk
Mrs. Zelma Watts Auditor

SCHOOL BOARD

Mrs. Annie Esty Term Expires 1957
Mrs. Flora Matthews Term Expires 1958
Mrs. Beatrice Smith Term Expires 1959

Teacher

Mrs. Carolyn Emery

Superintendent of Schools

C. Maurice Gray

School Nurse

Ellen F. Williams, R. N.

School Calendar

1957 - 1958

Open Sept. 4 (Wed.)	Close Dec. 20 (Fri.)
Open Jan. 2 (Thurs.)	Close Feb. 14
Open Feb. 24	Close April 25
Open May 5	Close June 11 (180 days)

Day out: Oct. 17, 18 for Teachers' Convention; Nov. 28, 29;
May 30 (Fri.) Spring Institute one day.

Total number of days required by State Board is 180,
including three for institutes and conventions and up to five
for workshops.

Pupils must enter the first grade if they are six by Sept.
30 and may enter if they are six by January 1.

Vaccination is required by State law unless child has
written excuse from doctor.

Financial Report of School Treasurer

For Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1956

Summary:

Cash on Hand July 1, 1955	\$ 37.74
Received from Selectmen, Current Approp.	6,682.85
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Total Amount Available for Fiscal Year	\$6,720.59
Less School Board Orders Paid	6,549.72
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Balance on Hand June 30, 1956	\$ 170.87

ILEENE A. MATTHEWS

Treasurer

Auditor's Certificate

This is to certify that I have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements and other financial records of the treasurer of the school district of Groton, N. H. of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1956 and find them correct in all respects.

ZELMA G. WATTS

Auditor

School Board's Report

Receipts:

From Selectmen, Current Appropriation	\$6,682.85
Cash on Hand as of June 30, 1955	37.74
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Total Receipts	\$6,720.59

Detailed Statement of Payments

Salaries of District Officers:

Flora Matthews, School Board	\$ 30.00	
Mabel Brown, School Board	30.00	
Annie Esty,		
School Board, Truant Officer & Census	35.00	
Agnes Lane, Moderator	2.40	
Zelma Watts, Auditor	4.00	
Ileene Matthews, Clerk & Treasurer	30.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 131.40

Superintendent's Salary:

Supervisory Union #4	105.85
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Expenses of Administration:

First National Bank, Service Charge	1.80	
The Enterprise Press, Printing	17.75	
Supervisory Union #4, Clerk's Sal.,		
Travel for Supt. & Nurse, Convention		
& Office Expense	102.95	
Mabel Brown, Expenses	3.00	
Annie Esty, Expenses	14.70	
Flora Matthews, Expenses	28.08	
The Record Print, Programs	3.50	
H. J. Follansbee Co., Picnic Supplies	3.36	
Edgar McClellan, Gas for Trip	10.89	
Ileene Matthews, Expenses	.14	
Buckland's Flowers	1.75	
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Teacher's Salary:

Mrs. Donald Day	2,150.10
Director of Internal Revenue	382.00
N. H. Teachers Retirement System	167.90
Verna Matthews, substitute	20.00

2,720.00

Text Books:

The Continental Press	3.88
Scott, Foresman & Co.	3.08
Charles E. Merrill Co., Inc.	5.16
The Macmillan Co.	1.48
World Book Co.	3.22
American Book Co.	3.94
Encyclopedia Britannica, Inc.	4.95
American Education Publications	6.50
Cardigan Sport Store	1.00

33.21

Scholars' Supplies:

Row, Peterson & Co.	12.33
Milton Bradley Co.	47.04
J. L. Hammett Co.	1.92
Cascade Paper Co.	32.63
Scott, Foresman & Co.	9.45
Charles E. Merrill Co., Inc.	6.48
World Book Co.	2.22
The Continental Press	4.16
American Book Co.	2.79

119.02

Other Expenses of Instruction:

J. L. Hammett Co.	1.64
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Janitor Service:

Mrs. Donald Day	25.00
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Fuel:

Charles A. Carr Co.	174.82
Bun Swett	7.58

182.40

Water, Light & Janitor Supplies:

N. H. Elec. Co-op., Inc	70.32
H. J. Follansbee Co.	1.00
George W. Tucker	1.00

72.32

Minor Repairs & Expenses:

Cynthia White, cleaning	8.26
George W. Tucker, wiring furnace	8.23
Greenwood Plumbing Co.	20.25
H. J. Follansbee Co., paint	29.28
Harold Watts, labor	85.00

151.02

Medical Supervision:

C. B. Boyd, Supplies	2.14
N. H. Teachers Retirement System	5.14
Ellen F. Williams, R. N.	71.51

78.79

Transportation of Pupils:

Dorchester School District	168.00
Carroll Matthews	900.00
Cynthia White	46.50

1,114.50

High School Tuition:

Plymouth School District	505.30
Bristol School District	149.70

655.00

Elementary School Tuition:

Canaan School District	136.20
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Tax for State Wide Supervision:

N. H. State Treasurer	42.00
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Retirement:

N. H. Teachers Retirement System	189.77
Supervisory Union #4, Supt's ret'm't	14.15

203.92

Insurance :

John C. Ray	46.55
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Alterations of Old Buildings:

Rand's, toilets, tank, changing heat, etc.	510.90
Carroll Matthews, gravel	7.20
Perley Matthews, labor & trucking	24.88
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	542.98
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Total Expenditures	\$6,549.72

Certificate

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. The accounts are kept in accordance with Section 24 of Chapter 82 of the Revised Laws of New Hampshire 1942, and upon forms prescribed by the State Tax Commission.

ANNIE M. ESTY

FLORA MATTHEWS

BEATRICE SMITH

School Board

Superintendent's Report

The making of a school budget at the present time of increasing costs, including teacher's salaries, is, at the best, a gamble. In Groton's case the problem of finances is most unpredictable. A few elementary children on the Dorchester side makes a big difference in elementary tuition and transportation. A thousand dollars disappears quickly. Teachers for rural schools are most difficult to find and only extra money will attract good teachers and draw them away from less difficult positions. A few high school pupils at \$320, or more, may cost us a thousand dollars very quickly. Conversely a few pupils not going to high school gives that much leeway. At the present writing the interplay of these factors points to a deficit of about \$700 for the current year. By the time of the annual district meeting this could change one way or another. We figure closely a good working budget at this time of year to be finally spent 18 months from now. We ask for your understanding of the problems which only time can dictate.

Respectfully submitted,

C. MAURICE GRAY

Superintendent

General Statistics

Enrollment by Grades

Grades	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
1955-56	3	2	2	0	1	2	2	1	13
1956-57									
Dec. 21	2	3	2	1	1	1	2	3	15

District Totals

	Av. Attend.	Av. Abs.	Av. Memb.	% Attend.
1955-56	12.6	1.4	14	90
1956-57				
Dec. 21	15.5	.7	16.2	95.6

Tuition Pupils

Plymouth High School—Rate \$315

Richard Adams Grade 9

Bristol High School—Rate \$320

Constance St. Lawrence Grade 11

Betty St. Lawrence Grade 10

Charles Tarr (Part of Year) Grade 9

Canaan Elementary School—Rate \$140

Norman Waldron Grade 8

Maxine Boardman Grade 7

Pauline Landon Grade 4

Loretta Landon Grade 3

Frederick Landon Grade 1

Report of Public Health Nurse

Plymouth, N. H.
January 7, 1957

Selectmen
Groton, N. H.
Dear Sirs:

The following is a report of the activities carried on for your town by the N. H. Department of Health, Bureau Public Health Nursing, for the year 1956.

The children in the town of Groton were included in the Salk polio vaccine program at the Plymouth clinics held in January, July, October and November. A good percentage of the eligible children between the ages of 6 months and 20 years took advantage of this opportunity and received two shots of the vaccine. The children who received their two shots in May and October 1955 also received their third or booster shots at the Plymouth clinic in November. It is hoped that vaccine will be available in 1957 to complete this program.

Home visits have also been made in the town on infants, pre-school children and mothers and assistance given them as needed.

Respectfully submitted,

LOIS BARTON, R. N.

Public Health Nurse

N. H. Department of Health

SUPERVISORY UNION #4 BUDGET — 1955-56

District	Nurse	Travel	Office	Clerk	Conv.	Supr.	Travel	Total
Alexandria	110.00	59.50	29.87	115.00	5.75	209.87	57.50	583.57
Bridgewater	116.55	63.00	27.23	121.00	6.05	220.83	60.50	615.16
Bristol	728.53	393.80	172.08	764.80	38.24	1,395.76	382.40	3,875.61
Canaan	529.65	286.30	125.73	558.80	27.94	1,019.81	279.40	2,827.63
Danbury	137.27	74.20	32.53	144.60	7.23	263.89	72.30	732.02
Grafton	116.92	63.20	27.54	122.40	6.12	223.38	61.20	620.76
Groton			13.05	58.00	2.90	105.85	29.00	208.80
Hebron	89.36	48.30	20.93	93.00	4.65	169.73	46.50	472.47
Orange	21.64	11.70	5.04	22.40	1.12	40.88	11.20	113.98
Totals	1,850.00	1,000.00	450.00	2,000.00	100.00	3,650.00	1,000.00	10,050.00
			State's Share			2,750.00		
								6,400.00

Comparative Budgets

ITEM	Estimated			
	Expend.	Budget	Expend	Budget
	1955-56	1956-57	1956-57	1957-58
Administration:				
Salaries of District Officers	\$ 131.40	\$ 135.00	\$ 135.00	\$ 135.00
Supt.'s Salary (local share)	105.85	115.81	115.81	121.76
Tax for State-wide Supervision	42.00	36.00	36.00	50.00
Salaries for Admin. Personnel	58.00	54.50	54.50	60.16
Supplies & Expenses	129.92	100.00	100.00	110.00
Instruction:				
Teachers' Salaries	2,720.00	2,750.00	3,450.00	3,450.00
Books & Other Aids	33.21	40.00	10.00	40.00
Scholars' Supplies	119.02	35.00	10.00	35.00
Supplies & Other Expenses	1.64	10.00	10.00	10.00
Operation of School Plant:				
Salary of Janitor	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00
Fuel or Heat	182.40	200.00	200.00	200.00
Water, Light Supplies & Exp.	72.32	50.00	50.00	50.00
Maintenance of School Plant:				
Repairs & Replacements	151.02	150.00	75.00	50.00
Auxiliary Activities:				
Health Supervision	78.79	50.41	50.41	55.86
Transportation of Pupils	1,114.50	1,050.00	1,703.00	1,898.00
Tuition, High School	655.00	1,590.00	850.00	1,630.00
Tuition, Elementary	136.20	125.00	560.00	750.00
Spec. Activities & Spec. Funds		35.00	35.00	35.00
Fixed Charges:				
Retirement	203.92	200.00	250.00	250.00
Ins., Treas. Bonds & Exp.	46.55	88.00	88.00	5.00
Contingency Fund:		300.00		300.00
Capital Outlay:				
Additions & Improvements	542.98			
Total Expenditures	\$6,549.72	\$7,139.72	\$7,807.72	\$9,260.78

VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS

In Plymouth, N. H., September 2, 1956, to Vernon M. and Joan M. Matthews, a daughter, Kathy Lee.

In Plymouth, N. H., November 23, 1956, to Floyd H. and Lillian E. Colby, a daughter, Beryl Marie.

DEATHS

In Laconia, N. H., February 20, 1956, Mabel Agnes Bickford, age 82 years.

I hereby certify that the above records are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

ILEENE A. MATTHEWS

Town Clerk

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